

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### REMEMBERING THE LATE HONORABLE STEVE LATOURETTE

SPEECH OF

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, on August 2nd, the House of Representatives lost a bit of its humanity with the passing of our friend and former colleague Steve LaTourette.

Steve's life was a life lived well and lived fully. It brought to mind that old adage, "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

There certainly was a lot of life in Steve LaTourette's years.

Simply put, he was a great member—respected and admired. He served for eighteen years in this House, and in doing so, made this chamber a more effective, more responsible and more compassionate body.

He cared deeply about this institution and recognized that we all—Republicans and Democrats—were sent here to find solutions to tackle the nation's challenges.

The headline on his obituary in the "New York Times" of August 4 referred to him as "Congressman Who Despised Gridlock." In his daily battle to get things done for the people of Ohio and the United States, he was never reluctant to reach across the aisle to find a path forward.

Personally, Steve was more than a classmate, a fellow appropriator and colleague. He was a great friend. I found him bright, thoughtful and incredibly hardworking. And his keen sense of humor could lighten any situation.

I think often of Steve and his wife, Jennifer, and also of his children Emma, Henry, Sarah, Sam, Clare and Amy. I hope they will be comforted in the knowledge that Steve LaTourette, above all, always strived to do what he thought was the right thing, no matter the circumstances, obstacles or consequences.

That is the definition of courage. Moreover, that is the essence of service.

Steve's passing is a tremendous loss for all of us and for the state of Ohio. Of course, the loss is most acute for his family but also by the colleagues he left behind in this House. He will not be forgotten.

### IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF RANDY M. SOBEL

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 18, 2016*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the public service of Chief Randy M. Sobel of the Middleton Police Department. Chief Sobel retired on October 31, 2016 after twenty-seven years of law enforcement service to the people of Strafford County in New Hampshire.

Chief Sobel began his law enforcement career in 1989 with the Milton Police Department and followed that with four years' service with the Farmington Police Department. However, it is his twenty-two-year career in Middleton that is most noteworthy, having served as Chief of the Middleton Police Department since 2002. Throughout his career, he performed his duties without great public recognition yet he was always a well-respected and admired member of the communities he represented. On behalf of the people of the First Congressional District, I thank him for his career dedicated to public safety and wish him a long and happy retirement.

### HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CANYON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 18, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Canyon Family Resource Center which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary of offering support and resources to the families, children, and seniors of our community.

The American Canyon Family Resource Center opened in April 2006 with the mission to strengthen our community, embrace diversity, and promote and provide local services. The Center has made childcare, housing, legal aid, tax assistance, education, and immigration resources available to every resident of American Canyon, California.

The American Canyon Family Resource Center provides families with tools to help themselves. The Center looks at the strengths of the people they serve and helps them to build upon those strengths to create better and healthier situations for their families. The Center acts as an integrated service system to connect families with nonprofit organizations and government agencies to establish a support system which secures our community's families.

In addition to connecting families to outside community resources, the Center hosts workshops and classes with topics on establishing credit, buying a home, and securing employment, giving community members confidence, knowledge, and training to provide for their families. The American Canyon Resource Center's financial coaching service focuses on helping our community members increase income, manage credit, and build assets by providing training and job placement, helping individuals create a budget and manage credit, and introducing them to matched savings accounts and first-time home buyer programs. The Center helps families get back on their feet and take control of their own futures.

Mr. Speaker, for a decade this institution has been instrumental in shaping the families in our community and promoting a sense of

belonging and safety for children, families, and seniors. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the American Canyon Family Resource Center here today.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. CHARLES R. NEWMAN

**HON. CHRIS COLLINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 18, 2016*

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the memory of a distinguished member of New York's 27th District. Mr. Charles R. Newman of Arcade, New York, passed away November 12, 2016.

Charles was born in Buffalo, New York on October 6, 1925. He attended St. Bonaventure University with a major in Accounting and Pre-Law while also participating in the Army Reserves. He served in the United States Army as a First Lieutenant from 1943 to 1946 during World War II, and for his bravery and patriotism Charles was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal, and the Army Commendation Ribbon. After his years of service, Charles returned to Western New York to graduate from Buffalo Law School in 1950. Charles went on to practice law in Arcade for twenty-seven years before serving as Arcade Village Justice, Town of Arcade Justice, Wyoming County Attorney, and eventually Wyoming County Court Judge for many years.

Charles was a community leader and was dedicated to helping the young men and women of our community. He was a Boy Scout leader and sat on the Board of Directors for the Genesee County Boy Scouts, an organization vital in helping many young men reach their full potential. Charles also served as Clerk to the Arcade Central and Pioneer Central School boards.

Charles also contributed to the Arcade community by serving as board member of the AJ Odell Medical Foundation, a member of the Arcade Chamber of Commerce, President of the New York State Magistrates Association, Member of the Free-Masons for over 63 years, and Member of the American Legion for over 68 years. Charles was an important and loved member of the town of Arcade that left a deep impression on everyone he met.

I had the privilege to meet and honor Charles as New York 27th's Congressional District Veteran of the Month—fittingly this Veterans Day. Dozens of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion attended the ceremony, and I was despondent to hear of his passing the following day. After many years of service to his community, I would like to again recognize this American patriot.

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